RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The question is not clear as to what amendments are meant.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know how many amendments have been introduced after the passing of the Public Service Recruitment Rules?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: A number of amendments have been introduced. They have all been published in the Gazette.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know the number?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I do not now remember the exact number.

PRESIDENT: I think it will conduce to the better business of the House if when one Honourable Member is on his legs the other Honourable Member resumes his seat.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know the object of those amendments?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: There were various reasons. In the actual working of the Rules some defects were noted and they had to be remedied. For that purpose the amendments were made.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know whether these matters were considered at the time of the passing of the Public Service Recruitment Rules?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: It was only after the Rules were passed and actually worked that certain defects were noticed and they had to be remedied.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know what those defects were?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

The Standardisation Scheme.

39 ***MR. A. J. JOHN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that as the Standardisation Scheme has not yet been given effect to in some of the major departments, several of the low paid employees in those departments whose acting allowances have not yet been disbursed for the last two years, are put to much hardship and anxiety?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The standardisation scheme in respect of the permanent staff in all the departments (excepting that of the P. W. D. Supervisors and Draftsmen) has been already given effect to. Government are not aware of any difficulty in drawing and disbursing acting allowances.

Appointment of the Director of Agriculture.

40. ***MR. P. K. KUNJU** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualification required for the post of the Director of Agriculture;

(*b*) whether there was any one in the Agricultural Department who holds agricultural qualifications when the present incumbent was appointed as Director; and

(*c*) if so, why such person who had the qualifications was not appointed as Director?

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MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have not prescribed any qualification for the post of the Director of Agriculture.

(*b*) Almost all the executive Officers of the Agricultural Department possess agricultural qualifications.

(*c*) Government consider that the present Director is the one best qualified for the post.

Magistrates recruited from the Bar.

41. ***MR. P. K. KUNJU**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of recruitments directly made to the Magistracy from the Bar during the last three years;

(*b*) whether there was any Muslim recruited;

(*c*) whether there were applicants from Muslim vakils; and

(*d*) if so, why they were not recruited?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) 3.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The claims of Muslims were also considered at the time of recruitment.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: Was there any minimum qualification fixed for the post?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes, Graduation in Arts and in Law.

Scheme for the audit of Accounts of the Travancore Railway.

42. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether Mr. Marini has submitted any original scheme for the audit of accounts of the Travancore Railway?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR: No.

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 30.

Total value of import trade during the years 1110 and 1111.

	1110.	*1111.*
	Rs.	*Rs.*
(*a*)	7,38,63,524	6,82,69,782
(*b*)	44,71,875	52,16,925

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